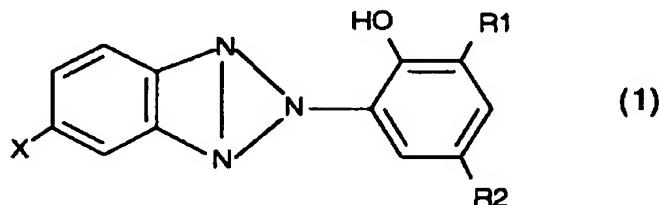


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (Original) A patch comprising a polyester backing and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one surface of the backing and containing a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) wherein the backing contains a hydroxyphenylbenzotriazole derivative represented by the general formula (1):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are each independently hydrogen or C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl; and X is halogen atom.

Claim 2 (Original) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the backing contains further titanium oxide.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the ultraviolet transmittance of the backing is not more than 2%.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1 any one ~~of claims 1-3~~, wherein the weight of the backing is 100g/m<sup>2</sup> - 130g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 5 (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1 any one ~~of claims 1-4~~, wherein the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) is ketoprofen.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1 any one ~~of claims 1-5~~, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer consists of a styrene-isoprene-styrene block polymer and/or polyisobutylene.

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Claim 7 (Currently amended) The patch according to claim 1 ~~any one~~  
~~of claims 1-6~~, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer contains no ultraviolet  
absorbent.